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- (2) There is already a canal called the East Bank canal running down to Valluripalem and it is embanked on both sides.
- (3) There is already a drainage channel to the Aga Kodu, falling into the Bandar canal at 16 miles  $7\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs through the super-passage over the west side channel.

*Construction of the East Bank canal after Valluripalem.*

\* 1624 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what are the reasons that actuated the Government to stop the construction of the East Bank canal after Valluripalem; and

(b) whether they propose to take up the further work of the East Bank canal after Valluripalem this year and provide the expenditure in the coming budget?

A.—(a) The extension of the canal was given up in the eighties of the last century because the part already excavated was not used and it was considered inadvisable to open it till the river margin had grown considerably.

(b) A special establishment has been sanctioned to take levels necessary for the preparation of estimates for extending the canal.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI:—“With reference to (b), when does the establishment commence its work, Sir?”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“Notice, Sir.”

**Landlord and Tenant**

*Report of the Estates Land Act Committee.*

\* 1625 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received the report of the Estates Land Act Committee appointed in 1924;

(b) if not, what the delay is due to;

(c) whether they propose to introduce the amending Bill in this session; and

(d) if not, when they propose to introduce this amending Bill?

A.—(a) & (b) The report is still awaited. The sub-committee have not completed the drafting of the amended Bill. After this is done the Committee has to meet, approve the Bill and draft their report.

(c) It does not appear to be possible to introduce the Bill during the current session.

(d) The Bill may possibly be introduced at the end of the year.

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—“Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the sub-committee have completed their deliberations and whether the only work remaining to be done is the drafting of the Bill?”

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The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" All the conclusions on the main provisions of the proposed project of legislation has been arrived at. There is a sub-committee appointed for the purpose of drafting a Bill. When that Bill is drafted the full Committee will consider that Bill and it will be ready for introduction."

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Will the report of the sub-committee be placed on the table ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" That will be considered."

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Has it not already taken three years for the Committee to present its report ? "

• The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" That is so, chronologically."

### Motor Vehicles Act

#### *Amendments to the Madras Motor Cab Rules, 1921.*

\* 1626 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) why amendments to Madras Motor Cab Rules, 1921, are not from time to time published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* just as amendments to the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1923; and

(b) whether an up-to-date edition of "Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1923," and "Madras Motor Cab Rules, 1921," will be published by Government and future amendments thereto will also be published in the district gazette of each district of this Presidency in English and vernacular, as also in the *Fort St. George Gazette*?

A.—(a) All amendments are duly published.

(b) The Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1923, and Madras Motor Cab Rules, 1921, corrected up to date are being printed in book form and will be available for sale at the Government Press shortly. The Government do not consider it necessary to republish the amendments to the rules in the district gazette. Copies of the amendments are available for sale with the Superintendent, Government Press.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to clause (b), may I know whether, in view of the fact that better and wider publicity can be given to the amendments by publishing them in the district gazette, Government will reconsider this matter ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I was not aware that the district gazette was such a popular publication, but as the hon. Member will perceive, we could not reprint these rules and make them available in an accessible form to the public."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" My question is with regard to future amendments."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" If publication in the district gazette turns out to be the proper means of publicity, the Government will consider that matter; but at present the Government do not consider that publishing these rules in the district gazette is the best means of securing publicity for the rules."